

Page 4, before line 27 insert the following header:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 5, before line 3, add the Header:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Page 6, line 11, change "organisation" to --organization--.

Page 8, line 19, change "thee" to --there--; after the last line, insert the following paragraph:

--While the invention has been described with a certain degree of particularity, it is manifest that many changes may be made in the details of construction and the arrangement of components without departing from the spirit and scope of this disclosure. It is understood that the invention is not limited to the embodiments set forth herein for purposes of exemplification, but is to be limited only by the scope of the attached claim or claims, including the full range of equivalency to which each element thereof is entitled.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method of storage of electronic documents, [characterised in that] said method includes the steps of:

[the] compilation of a list of possible storage locations for the documents within a document storage system[.];

assessing each location and allocating a weighting value to each location with respect to other locations and in relation to specified attributes of each of the locations; [and,]

upon receipt of an electronic document, assessing at least one attribute of the document; and[.]

with reference to the attributes and weighted values of the selectable locations for storage, selecting to locate said electronic document in at least one of the storage locations.

2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein for each incoming document, a correlation is made against a database representative of the filing properties of the storage location of the filing system [which is] being used to store the document.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein a certain number of the storage locations with the strongest correlation values are presented for selection upon receipt of a document.

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 3 [characterised in that if] wherein when a correlation is matched for an incoming document, that document is stored in the matching storage location automatically.

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 3 [characterised in that] wherein if, upon analysis of an incoming document, a matching correlation is not identified such that none of the presented storage locations are relevant, the incoming document is stored in a storage location using a conventional method of document filing.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein as new documents are added into the filing system, the database of filing properties used for the

correlation and analysis of storage locations is adapted to reflect the characteristics of the documents received.

7. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein the method used is adaptive to reflect the characteristics of received documents.

8. (Amended) A method according to claim 7 [characterised in that] wherein the storage location assessment occurs upon receipt of each new document.

9. (Amended) A method according to claim [7 characterised in that the] 8 wherein said storage location assessment occurs at regular time intervals.

10. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [characterised in that the] wherein said attributes of [the] said storage locations [which are] assessed are predefined by the system and/or the user.

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 10 [characterised in that] wherein statistical significance values are assigned to the selected attributes.

12. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein a companion database associated with the storage structure is provided, said database including statistically differentiating key words associated with particular storage locations and only these keywords are used in the correlation of the attributes of the incoming document and the available storage locations.

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14. (Amended) A method according to claim1 [characterised in that the] wherein said
electronic documents received are e-mails.

the selection of a particular storage location for a received e-mail is made by assessing each location and allocating a weighting value to each location with respect to other locations and in relation to specified attributes of each of the locations and, upon receipt of the e-mail, assessing at least one attribute of the e-mail and, with reference to the weighted values of the storage locations for storage, selecting to locate said e-mail in at least one of the storage locations.

16. (Amended) A system according to claim 15 [characterised in that the] wherein said
received e-mail can be selected to be stored in more than one storage location.

17. (Amended) A system according to claim 15 [characterised in that the] wherein said weighting values and/or attributes are reviewed and if necessary revised as new e-mails are received and stored.